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CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 103 45 135.8 filed on September 29, 2003. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a cordless screwdriver.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a cordless screwdriver which eliminates the disadvantages of the prior art.

In keeping with these objects and with others which will become apparent hereinafter, one feature of the present invention resides, briefly stated, in a cordless screwdriver, comprising a housing; a handle; a rechargeable battery formed as a lithium-ion cell; charging contact tabs for charging said rechargeable battery; and an output spindle, the cordless screwdriver as a whole being placeable onto a charging cradle which automatically initiates a charging mode and in the charging mode being positioned on the charging cradle so that with regard to said output spindle it is inclined and an end of said output spindle points downwards.

When the cordless screwdriver is designed in accordance with the present invention, it has the advantage that it can always be quickly and safely picked up in the same place, with a fully available charge capacity, while being inexpensive to manufacture as well as extremely lightweight and handy.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS